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NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – March 22, 2021

Concord, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has issued the following update on the new coronavirus, COVID-19.

On Monday, March 22, 2021, DHHS announced 207 new positive test results for COVID-19, for a current PCR test positivity rate of 7.7%. Today's results include 148 people who tested positive by PCR test and 59 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 2,334 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire. Of the results reported today:

- **3/21: 207** new cases

Several cases are still under investigation. Additional information from ongoing investigations will be incorporated into future COVID-19 updates. Of those with complete information, there are thirty-five individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 53% being female and 47% being male. The new cases reside in Rockingham (49), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (39), Strafford (20), Merrimack (19), Grafton (8), Sullivan (8), Cheshire (7), Belknap (3), Carroll (1), and Coos (1) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (15) and Nashua (15). The county of residence is being determined for twenty-two new cases.

Community-based transmission continues to occur in the State and has been identified in all counties. Of those with complete risk information, most of the cases have either had close contact with a person with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis or are associated with an outbreak setting.

There are currently 72 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 80,750 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed.

Current Situation in New Hampshire

New Hampshire 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report (updated March 22, 2021, 9:00 AM)

NH Persons with COVID-19	80,750
Recovered	77,199 (96%)
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	1,217 (2%)
Total Current COVID-19 Cases	2,334
Current Hospitalizations	72
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) ₂	649,529
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests ₂	38,413
Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL	69,995
Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL ₃	99

₁Includes specimens positive at any laboratory and those confirmed by CDC confirmatory testing.

²Includes specimens tested at the NH Public Health Laboratories (PHL), LabCorp, Quest, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, and those sent to CDC prior to NH PHL testing capacity.

³Includes specimens received and awaiting testing at NH PHL. Does not include tests pending at commercial laboratories.

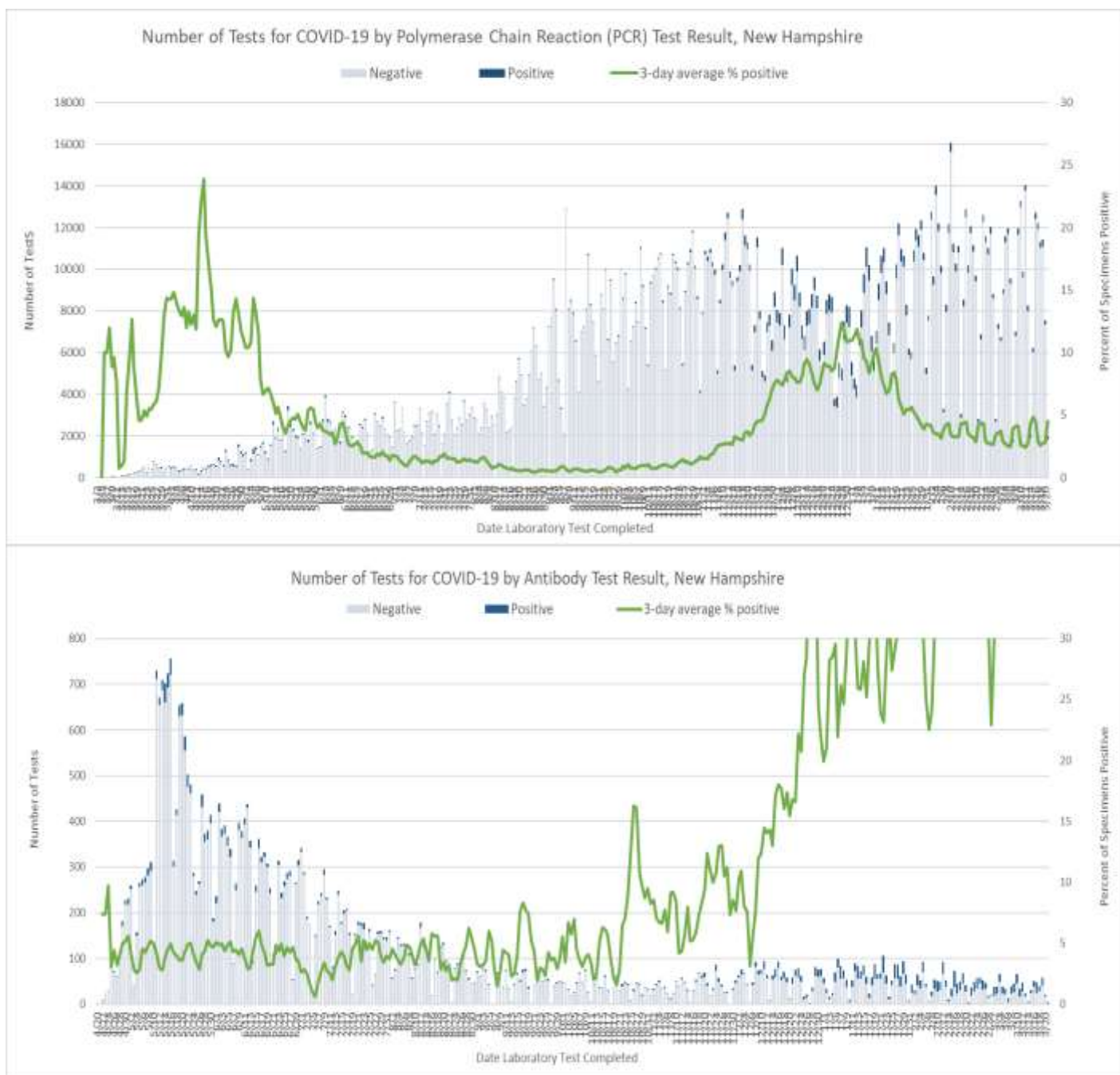
Number of Tests Conducted by Date of Report to NH DHHS

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Tests								
Testing Laboratory	3/15	3/16	3/17	3/18	3/19	3/20	3/21	Daily Average
NH Public Health Laboratories	53	270	549	734	645	174	0	346
LabCorp	358	504	510	564	372	450	291	436
Quest Diagnostics	261	279	749	558	498	402	411	451
Mako Medical	0	627	482	65	53	23	9	180
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	204	524	406	447	488	276	108	350
NorDX Laboratory	66	515	342	377	269	114	83	252
Broad Institute	889	4,475	4,868	2,789	5,318	2,385	613	3,048
Other NH Hospital Laboratory	344	502	701	481	501	292	194	431
Other Laboratory*	308	522	869	662	578	203	136	468
University of New Hampshire**	3,742	4,502	2,764	4,636	2,703	3,231	149	3,104
Total	6,225	12,720	12,240	11,313	11,425	7,550	1,994	9,067
Antibody Laboratory Tests								
Testing Laboratory	3/15	3/16	3/17	3/18	3/19	3/20	3/21	Daily Average
LabCorp	4	8	15	10	10	6	2	8
Quest Diagnostics	5	17	18	13	20	9	0	12
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	4	5	3	10	8	5	1	5
NorDX Laboratory	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Other Laboratory*	4	5	8	3	10	1	2	5
Total	20	35	45	36	48	21	5	30

* Includes out-of-state public health laboratories, out-of-state hospital laboratories, and other commercial laboratories not already listed in the table.

Note: Patients who had both antibody and polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests are accounted for in both tables.

** Includes tests conducted at the UNH laboartory and their contracted lab Veritas.



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For more information, please visit the DHHS COVID-19 webpage at <https://www.nh.gov/covid19>.

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